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1. After the occupation of Canton, the Printers' Union made an attempt to join the Communists through a committee of the Union. This committee was headed by CH'EN Shu-jan (陳曙然) and included HO Tsu-i (何祖貽), CH'EN Hua (岑華), CHU Chang (朱章), WEN Kuo-chung (溫國中), and WU Tsung (吳聰), all of whom were leaders of the Union.
2. The Communists declared this committee illegal on October 21, 1949. In place of this committee the Communists, acting through their Military Control Commission despatched three persons to take over the union on November 21, 1949. These were TENG Chan-ming (鄧展明), HOU Chuan (侯鈞), and WANG Ling (王玲). Prior to this take-over, the committee members fled, leaving LI Ping-chuan (黎秉權) to hand the organization over to the Communists.
3. LI Ping-chuan was immediately accused of being a Nationalist agent and a member of the anti-Communist group. He was arrested at the union headquarters and taken to the Tai-ping Road branch office of the Bureau of Public Safety where he was asked about the whereabouts of the escaped union leaders. The Communists were enraged at LI because the union administrator, YEN Shen (顏森), had fled with the union seal and documents.
4. The chairman of the Canton Municipal Labor Union Preparatory Committee is LIAO Sse-kuang (廖似光), the eldest daughter of LIAO Chung-kai, an early member of the Kuomintang. The vice chairman is CHU Ching-wen (朱敬文), formerly chairman of the Hongkong Streetcar Mechanics' Association. The entire control of the Canton labor movement is in the hands of these two individuals who serve as the only members of the preparatory committee. Under this committee are several departments each charged with the work of consolidating groups of unions.
5. SU Yu-chen (蘇裕產), chief of the Liaison Office of Various Social Organizations, is trying his best to recover his membership in the Communist Party. He was formerly dismissed from the party. Other pro-Communists, such as

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CH'U Shui-ju (瞿緯如), CHU Ching (朱敬), and LI Ts-hsien (李德軒) are also trying to get back into the party.

6. The following are members of the Reorganization Committee of the Canton Stevedores' Union:

LUN Shao-chia (倫少佳)	CHANG Ping-shen (張炳森)
HO Tung (何桐)	LO Hui-chang (羅慧常)
PAI Yu-shu (白玉書)	KUO Yu (郭漁)
HSU Yeh (徐業)	TU Chin-t'ao (杜錦滔)
CHENG Wen-t'ien (鄭文天)	KUO Hsing-chih (郭星池)
CH'EN Ts'ai (陳才)	CHUNG Pai-ch'uan (鍾百川)
SSU Tu-tse (司徒澤)	CH'EN Su (陳蘇)
CHUNG Sheng (鍾勝)	

All of the above members were formerly officers of the Stevedores' Union.

7. The Postal Workers' Union at Canton was reorganized shortly after the occupation of the city. The original work of reorganization was the responsibility of MAO Tzu-ching (莫子靜). However, the Communist Military Control Commission ordered the union to be reorganized a second time. The chairman of the new reorganization committee is LO Jung-chi (駱榮基), a political instructor. MAO Tzu-ching is vice chairman of the new committee. The entire membership of this committee consists of persons who formerly were either arrested by or suspected by the Nationalist Government; for example, CHENG Hsing-lin (程杏林), CH'EN Pao-hsien (陳寶賢), CH'U Kuo-hsien (周國賢), CHANG Tsu-chien (張祖錢), and LO Jung-chi.

8. Officially announced unions which have been taken over by the Communists are:

The Restaurant and Tea House Workers' Union, Printers' Union, Hotel Boys' Union, Newsboys' Union, Weavers' Union, and the Tobacco Workers' Union. Each of these unions is under the control of political workers. Some of the former leaders of these unions such as LI Liang (李良) and YUAN Hsiu-feng (源秀峰) of the tobacco workers and LI Ping-chuan of the Printers' Union have been arrested.

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